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Letter dated 15 September 1998 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Third Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the fifty-third session of the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/53/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly, also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 45 of section IV and to the relevant part of paragraph 59 of section V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(Signed) Didier **Opertti**

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Annex

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1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, III, V, VI, VIII (sections A, C and I) and X] (item12).

   [The General Assembly decided that the chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

   (a) Chapters I, VIII (section C) and X ..... Plenary meetings and Second and Fifth Committees

   (b) Chapters III, V and VIII (section A) .... Plenary meetings and Second Committee

   (c) Chapter VI ..... Plenary meetings]

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (item 100).

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice (item 101).

4. International drug control (item 102).

5. Advancement of women (item 103).

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 95 (Operational activities for development).]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (item 104).

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (item 105).

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (item 106).

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (item 107).

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (item 108).

11. Right of peoples to self-determination (item 109).

12. Human rights questions (item 110):

   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

   [The General Assembly decided that, in the light of decision 52/424 of 12 December 1997, the ceremony for the awarding of prizes in the field of human rights in 1998 should be held on Thursday, 10 December 1998, on the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in plenary meeting.]

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.